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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 3, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, George Street, 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOODE, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENRY & CO., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 160 & 165, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 138, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—Swanson, QUINLAW & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow, HEDGE & CO., Shanghai, LINTON, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALTER, Macao, O. HEIMBACH & CO., Macao, L. A. DA CRABA.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY,

the 6th March, 1877, at 12 o'clock, at the Godowns of Messrs RUSSELL & CO., Praya Central.—

(For account of the concerned,) Ex "Edward James,"

1,810 bags FLOUR, different marks. (More or less damaged by sea water.)

AFTER WHICH At the Godowns of Messrs RUSSELL & CO., Wanchoi,

Ex "Aiden Beebe,"

500 bags FLOUR, different marks. (More or less damaged by sea water.)

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, March 3, 1877. m6

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale),—

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet on the East side thereof on Peal Street, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, and on the West side thereof on Staveley Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1817 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peal Street, together with the three-story TENEMENT or DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15.55.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Auctioneers. Hongkong, February 26, 1877. m10

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. R. H. KIDD to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock P.M. (instead of the time previously advertised), at his Residence, Albany Road,—

The whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising Drawing Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables, Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass and Plated Ware, Crockery Ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glass Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 10th March.

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J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer. Hongkong, February 26, 1877. m12

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, \$500,000 Dollars.

Court of Directors.

Chairman—H. HOPPIUS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. SAHOOON, Esq.

AD. ANDRE, Esq. A. MOLYER, Esq.

E. R. BELLINOS, Esq. S. W. POMMERY, Esq.

HOD. W. KESWICK, Esq. K. TOBIN, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

Manager.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMBON, Esq.

London Bankers.

London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.

" 6 , 4 per cent.

" 12 , 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON.

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road, East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

NOTIFICATIONS.

ERNEST WASSELL & CO., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as

PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of

Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG

PHOTOGRAPHIC CO., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSELL.

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Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.

WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS,

38, Queen's Road,

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS,

CHRONOMETRES,

&c., &c., &c.,

Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877. m17

AFONG.

PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment to

S. R. ARTHUR KENNEDY,

Governor of Hongkong;

and to

H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS

OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB,

Has on hand the Largest and Best

collection of Views of China, Photo-

graphic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of

assorted sizes, Photographs enlarged from

G. D. V. size to life size and coloured in

oil. A new apparatus for Photography has

been received from England; he is prepared

to take Photos of Buildings and Interiors

at the shortest distance.

Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,

PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang

are desirous of receiving DESIGNS

for a TOWN-HALL. This Building is to

be erected on the ground on the east side

of the Maplands situate between the latter

and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed

\$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of

\$100 for the best and most suitable Design

with Specifications; and competitors have

the option of forwarding Tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all docu-

ments, are to be sent to the Municipal Office

Penang or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the

Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners

at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE,

Municipal Secretary.

Penang, Municipal Office,

The 1st September, 1876.

Intimations.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GUILLET & Co.'S

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers

from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four ****, in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also,

POMMERY & GRENO'S

" Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s
Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

10-day's Advertisements.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship
"ESSO,"
Captain PUNCHARD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Inst., at
Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1877.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship
"EMERALD,"
Capt. THIBAUD, will be
despatched for the above Port
on THURSDAY, the 8th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
A. MACG. HEATON,
Agent.
Hongkong, March 5, 1877.

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GERMAN STEAMER HESPERIA,
JOHANSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG
AND LONDON via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored
at their risk in the Godowns of the
Undersigned, from whence delivery may be
obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of
their Goods from the Boats alongside the
Wharf at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 12th
Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless
notice to the contrary is given until Noon
This Day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
W.M. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong, March 8, 1877.

NOTICE.

PARTIES having left some Luggage are
requested to take delivery of same as
soon as convenient, but not later than the
31st March next. After This Date they
will be Sold by Auction; the Amount
realised will be paid to the credit of their
account with the Hotel.

V. FAVRE,
Proprietor, Hotel de l'Univers,
Hongkong, March 5, 1877.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has this day CLOSED
their PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS
and ceased to carry on Business. Creditors
are requested to send in their Claims for
payment not later than the 15th Instant.
Those indebted to us will oblige by an early
settlement.

HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO.
Hongkong, March 2, 1877.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.
B. Blaker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.

NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque,
Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg
& Co.

BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F.
Weisberg.—Siemens & Co.

ALDEN ERSE, American barque, Captain
S. Noyes.—Rozario & Co.

TYBENIA, British ship, Captain Robt.
Golder.—Moyer & Co.

FORMIA, German 3-m. schooner, Capt.
G. Schwer.—Meichers & Co.

WANDERING MINSTREL, British barque,
Captain Wm. Sivewright.—Siemens & Co.

MISTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain
David Plumer.—Siemens & Co.

ORANGE GROVE, British barque, Captain
A. Longmuir.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

ROHINA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt.
C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.

TULLOCHEGORUM, British schooner, Capt.
S. Mason.—Chinese.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 4, Anazi, British barque, 463, J.
Hill, Newcastle (N.S.W.) Jan. 10, Coal.—
CAPTAIN.

March 4, Cyphene, Brit. steamer, 1280,
Wood, Shanghai March 1, General—GRIBE,
LIVINGSTON & CO.

March 4, Ningpo, British steamer, 761,
Cass, Shanghai Feb. 27, Swatow March 3,
General.—SIEMSEN & CO.

March 4, Syringa, British 3-m. schooner,
242, Partridge, Haiphong Feb. 12, General—
CHAN CHEONG WI.

March 4, Presto, British barque, from
Whampoa.

March 4, Edinburgh, British steamer, 2800,
2800 Worsted, Singapore Feb. 21, and
Cape St. James 25.—E. B. TELEGRAPH CO.

March 5, Tana, French steamer, 1750,
Reynier, Yokohama, Feb. 27, Mails and
General.—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.

March 5, Jeddah, British steamer, 904,
J. L. Clark, Singapore and Saigon Feb. 17,
and 27, General.—GEZ CHONG HONG.

Mar. 5, Montgomery, British steamer,
1140, Sturrock, Saigon Feb. 27, Rice.—H.
Kies & Co.

Mar. 5, Hesperia, German steamer, 1187,
Johnsen, Hamburg Dec. 60, London Jan.
8, Port Said 25, Sues 29, Pansing Feb. 20,
and Singapore 24, at 5 p.m., General.—
W.M. PUSTAU & CO.

March 5, Thales, British steamer, 820,
J. Cole, Cocktown Feb. 14, Ballast.—
HOY KEE & CO.

March 5, Thale, French steamer, 2000,
Brunet, Shanghai March 2, 2 a.m., Mails
and General.—MESSAGERS MARITIMES.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 5, Hullock, for Swatow, Amoy, etc.

4. Camboo, for Amoy.
2. Ningpo, for Canton.

2. Tyburnia, for Swatow.

4. Gunga, for Saigon.

Bertha, for Haiphong.

5. Rose Bottcher, for Tourof.

5. Formosa, for Whampoa.

6. Butuan, for Manila.

Cleared.

Spaniard I., for Saigon.

Empress, for Falgon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Tanais, from Yokohama: for Hong-
kong, Messrs Curwen, Malet de Carteret,
Van, William Cowles, and E. Groleit; for
Saigon, Mr. Sibeam; for Galle, Mr. J.
Walter Clutterbush; for Marseilles, Mr.
and Mrs. Carrill and 2 children; Miss
Anne Carrill, Miss Kveline Carrill, Miss
Carrill, Messrs R. Huggan, Corderoy,
Bourne, and Mr. Carrill's 2 servants.

Per Tigre, from Shanghai: for Hong-
kong, Mr. Smith, and 17 Chinese; for
Salon, Messrs Ketellez and Rorie; for
Marseilles, Messrs Schopel, J. M. Walker,
Thatcher, C. H. Gough, F. S. Galpin, and
A. Keining.

Per Hesperia, for Yokohama, Mr. O.
Schiffmeister, Mr. Schlevozel, Lieuts.
Von Rosen, Weeche, and 27 Marines
of H. I. G. M.'s Navy.

Per Ningpo, from Shanghai, &c., Mrs.
Laidler and Child, Mr. Fabris, and 74 Chi-
nese.

Per Cyphene, from Shanghai, Mr. Steil.
Per Jeddah, from Singapore and Saigon,
1 Chinese.

Per Montgomeryshire, from Saigon, 26
Chinese.

Per Thales, from Cocktown, 20 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Zamboanga, for Amoy, Don Pedro
Soler, and 2 Chinese.

Per Butuan, for Manila, Mr. and Mrs.
Sobrin.

Per Haifong, for Swatow, &c., 100
Chinese.

Per Rosa Boettcher, for Tourof, 100
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque *Anaz* reports:
Moderate N.E. winds to lat. 14° S., thence to
lat. 2 N. moderate variable winds. From
2 N. to the neighbourhood of the Pellew
Islands fresh Northerly winds, and thence
to port moderate to fresh N.E. winds.

The British steamer *Cyphene* reports:
Moderate monsoon and thick weather. On
the 3rd off Scattered Tides passed S. S. State
of Louisiana bound North, and on the
morning of 4th, the S. S. *Gazelle*.

The British steamer *Ningpo* reports:
Had moderate monsoon to Swatow, thence to
arrive fine clear weather and Northerly
breeze.

The British steamer *Edinburgh* reports:
From Singapore to Cape St. James moderate
N.E. winds and fine weather. Anchored
outside Green Island on the evening of
the 3rd, and came inside this morning (4th).

The French steamer *Tanais* reports:
First part of passage strong Southerly
winds, latterly strong N.E. winds.

The British steamer *Montgomeryshire* re-
ports: Strong head winds and heavy head seas all
the passage.

The French mail steamer *Tigre* reports:
Moderate N. E. winds throughout the
passage.

The British steamer *Jeddah* reports:
Had strong Northerly gales and high sea
to Saigon. From thence fresh N.E. and
N. winds and head sea and dull cloudy
weather. In Saigon River passed German
barque *Margaretha* of Cape St. James, and
British barque *Colombo* beating out. On
the 28th Feb., passed a steamer bound
South. March 3rd, S. S. *Pernambuco* or
Penedo bound South. The S. S. *Chow*
Phya which left Singapore on the 17th
Feb. had not reached Saigon when *Jeddah*
left, and considerable anxiety was exper-
enced as to her safety. In Saigon.—Str.
Namo, British barques *Sophie*, *Marquis* of
Aryll, *Davina*, and *Mount Lebanon*. One
Russian barque and one French ship
(name unknown.)

The German steamer *Hesperia* reports:
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the chair-cooies, Constables were sent out, and they arrested the 2nd defendant, while the 1st was brought down from his room. The question for the Jury was whether there was sufficient connection between the two prisoners to make the 2nd prisoner liable as having acted in concert with the first.

Evidence was then taken, similar to that which was adduced before the Magistrate.

The prisoners then made their defence, which was substantially the same as that they gave at the Police Court.

The 1st prisoner said he happened to pass the 2nd prisoner and Warneford, and did not know anything of the robbery until he was told so by Sergeant Swanson at the Charge Room. As to the 2nd witness, one of the chair-cooies who carried Warneford, he had known him before, having had occasion to strike him several times for street obstruction.

The 2nd prisoner stated that he went with the prosecutor to the Stage Hotel, thence to the Star Tavern where they had some drinks and met with some men-of-war's men. He had some drink in him, and did not know when Warneford left the tavern. He was afterwards told that Warneford was wanting to fight with some men outside, and he went out to put him into a chair, and was going to take him back to the Sailors' Home. He was drawn from the liquor he had taken, and although he was not exactly asleep, he had his eyes shut, and did not know until he found the chair was let down. He did not know that Warneford had been robbed and was looking for him when he was met by Sergeant Lindsay.

His Lordship then summed up, and in the course of his observations he said, P. C. Westwood had an opportunity of explaining his extraordinary conduct in regard to the dollar he received from the 1st prisoner, and it seemed to his Lordship that the explanation was fairly satisfactory.

The Jury then returned a unanimous verdict of guilty against the 1st prisoner, and of not guilty against the 2nd.

In discharging the 2nd prisoner, his Lordship said he had had a narrow escape, and he should be careful in future of the company he got into. With regard to the 1st prisoner, his Lordship reserved sentence, as he wished to consider the provision of the Ordinance concerning larceny by Police-men.

The Attorney General called attention to the loss of time the chair-cooies had been put to in this case, and to the prosecutor's detention here on account of this case, and of his loss of several situations.

This Lordship said the chair-cooies' conduct was very highly praiseworthy, and he would recommend them strongly to the Government for a reward. The cooies were called up and had this explained to them.

The Sessions were then adjourned till Wednesday next at 10 a.m. Jurors need not attend.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A QUERY.
Hongkong, March 5, 1877.

Sir,—Can any of your Clerical readers inform me whether Military Chaplains are exempted in any way from strict obedience to the Rubrics? I read in my Prayer book that at Holy Communion "if any remain of that" (Bread and Wine) "which was consecrated it shall not be carried out of the Church, but the Priest and such other of the Communicants as he shall then call unto him shall immediately after the Blessing reverently eat and drink the same." The 28th Article is also clearly against "reservation." Should not the Cathedral Church present a model of faithful obedience to the rubrics?

N. C. D. Nees.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

A daring robbery of nine chests of tea has been committed on board the barque *John Poole*, now lying in the river ready for sea. The robbery was only discovered on Saturday, March 24th, on which day the hatches were opened to take in more cargo, when it was found that the nine chests had been abstracted, but as to how or when no one can give any information. Information of the robbery was given to the Police, and enquiries resulted in the apprehension of three shore men, one being an American, one a Dane, and the third, we believe, a Swede. The American is bar-keeper in a drinking saloon in Hongkong, and the stolen tea was found in his bed-room.—

The case was partly investigated yesterday (Feb. 20th) at the respective Consulates of two of the accused. The men charged were Robert Gracey, an American, and Julius Frederick Mauer alias Brown, a German. The evidence adduced showed that at about a quarter to three o'clock on Saturday morning the two men named were seen by P. C. Holland pushing or dragging a trap containing nine chests of tea into the back yard of the American Sailors' Home, Hongkong. He stopped them, and questioned them, and received an answer that the chest contained "sailor's dunham." The same morning it was discovered that the cargo of the *John Poole* had been broached and some chests of tea stolen. Brown's room was afterwards searched, and upwards of 54 lbs. of tea, in mat bags answering in quality and colour to that stolen from the *John Poole*, was found therein. There were also found a number of pieces of wood, evidently portions of broken tea chests, and the lead-paper lining of nine chests. The fragments of wood were examined, and found to bear numbers corresponding to those on the missing chests, the name of the "Takoo" being, also that of the ship. Gracey was committed for trial by J. C. Myers, Esq., U.S. Consul General; and Brown remanded by Dr Krauel, German Consul, till Saturday. Another man concerned, Christian Hansen, is a Dane, and will be brought up at the Danish Consul's to-day (Feb. 27th).

The German vessel *Carmelita* on 1st anchored yesterday afternoon (Feb. 22nd) below the shipping, having left Hamburg on the 15th August last.

For the benefit of coasting steamers, the *Chieftain*, which arrived yesterday (Feb. 22nd) from Swatow and Amoy, reports a sunken junk in mid-channel between Taku and Tsingtao Islands. One mast appears two feet above the water.

The steamers belonging to the Shanghai Steam Navigation Co., and the other merchant vessels flying "the Stars and Stripes" yesterday (Feb. 22nd) dropped ship

in honour of Washington's birthday. There were no American men-of-war in port, and none of the war-vessels belonging to other nationalities displayed extra bunting.

It is reported that the Chinese Government has contracted a loan of £1,500,000, which is to be remitted from Europe in silver.

We hear that the unfortunate lodging house keeper, so long persecuted by the Chehien, has been released from prison. He is supposed to have gone to his wife's relatives at Soochow, being himself utterly ruined.

The Annual Meeting of shareholders in the Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Company was held yesterday (Feb. 26th). The accounts show a profit of £15,940, out of which a dividend will be paid at the rate of 8*1*/₂ per cent. on the half-year, and £15,878 carried forward. The Chairman thought the result of the year's working might be looked upon as fairly good, considering the exceptionally dull state of trade previous to the Chefoo Convention, when trade was almost at a standstill, and for several months the bills of coast steamers did not amount to one-third of what they usually did. There had also been a great falling off in the revenue from the storage of coals and iron.—Messrs. Irving, Bell, Sutherland, Westall, and McLeod were re-elected Directors, and the retiring Auditors were re-elected.

We hear telegrams have been received reporting a panic in Lyons, consequent on apprehensions of war between Russia and Turkey at the expiration of the Armistice. We learn from Corea that the King's palace at Shihui (the capital) was destroyed by fire on the night of the 11th December last. The young King is said to have had a narrow escape with his life.

It is reported that the instalment of £15,000 on account of the purchase of the S. S. N. Co., which is due under the agreement on the 1st March, came down from Nanking on Monday, and was paid over to Messrs. Russell & Co. yesterday. This completes the first million, anticipating the due date by a month.—Advertisements in another column notify that the management of the S. S. N. Co.'s steamers, wharfs, and godowns is to-day transferred to the G.M.S.N. Co.; and holders of the former company's godown warrants are requested to hand them in to the Superintendent of the Kin-lee-yuen godowns, to be exchanged for new warrants issued by the G.M.S.N. Co.

PEKING.

Feb. 8.

Some stir has been occasioned here by the publication of an Imperial decree in the Gazette of the 1st instant, in which injunctions in favour of religious toleration, with special reference to Christian proselytism, are laid upon the Provincial Governments throughout the Empire. This spontaneous manifesto, the first of the kind ever issued, is said to have been evoked by a representation from the Governor-General Li Hung-chang, who, despatching upon the consequences of the Margary affair, urged the importance of averting similar dangers arising from prejudiced treatment of converts to Christianity.—The most abundant fall of snow ever known by Foreign residents in Peking, lasting over a period of nearly three days, has greatly rejoiced the minds of the native population, by the promise which it gives of a good Spring harvest. From Tientsin it is reported that the River is entirely open off the Settlement.—N. C. D. Nees.

HANKOW.

Feb. 24.

It is reported that the *Kastrel* had some difficulty in her trip to Ichang, and only reached Shasi (290 miles from Hankow), after 13 days' steaming. News has not yet been received of her arrival at her destination.—People were complaining of the softness of the weather the day before yesterday. It is now snowing heavily.—N. C. D. Nees.

Japan.

(Mail, Jan. 24.)

The Raider *Maru*, belonging to the Kai-takushi Department, has been fitted up as a war ship and arrived in Yokohama on the evening of the 16th instant.

The Governor of Nagasaki is said to have asked for advice from the Government as to the way in which foreign residents at Nagasaki should be treated in the case of war. The foreigners themselves do not seem to know much about the disturbance which is at present going on in the Satsuma, although that province is so much nearer to them than it is to us, for strange to say, the Nagasaki papers received by the last steamer make no mention of Satsuma in any way whatever.

It is said that a telegram has been received stating that twenty thousand of the Satsuma samurai are now ready to take the field.

Tuesday, Feb. 20th.

There is now no doubt about the position of affairs in the South, as the following notification, declaring war against the Satsuma rebels, has been published in to-day's *Mainichi Shimbun* by authority. The strength of the Imperial army to be employed is not yet known, but it may be fairly presumed that a sufficiently strong force will be sent to finally and completely subdue the refractory province of Satsuma. The Director of Telegraphs has given orders that no messages in cipher may be sent to any place in Japan, but this prohibition does not apply to messages for other countries.

As the possession of Kitamamoto is a matter of vital importance, it is more probable that the town and its immediate neighbourhood will become the principle theatre of the struggle between the Imperial forces and the opposing *samurai* of Satsuma.

Every precaution is being taken by the Imperialists to protect the town from any surprise on the part of the rebels, and the Mikado is being reinforced for this purpose.

Note.—As many of the insurgents may make their escape to various parts of the Empire, strict orders have been given to the authorities of Shii, Fu and Ken to take every precaution to have them at once arrested.—(Signed) IWAKURA Toshio, *Osaka*.

Iwamata, the Minister of War, is at Shimomoseki, and occupied solely in directing the movements of the troops.

As many of the troops of the Tokio garrison have been despatched to Osaka, a battalion of infantry from the Utsunomiya garrison arrived at Tokio on the 17th inst.

It is now rumoured that the leader of the present disturbance at Nagahama is Ueda.

An agrarian riot is reported in the province of Echizen.

For some time the

farmers have shown discontent, which even the reduction of the land-tax did not allay. Several meetings were held by them about a fortnight ago, and the officials, fearing that the unruly conduct of some of the farmers would lead to a serious disturbance, called in the aid of the police to disperse them. In this the police were unsuccessful.

The farmers made a combined attack on them and the officials, wounded thirty of the former, and seized and carried off one unfortunate *Kiuchi*, who has not since been heard of. The rioters subsequently looted many houses in the neighbourhood, and it became necessary to call in the aid of the troops to suppress them. Three companies of infantry were sent against the rioters on the 11th instant and dispersed in arresting sixty of them and dispersing the rest.

Notification No. 21.

"An expedition having been ordered against the rebels of Kagoshima ken (Satsuma), it is hereby made known that the newspaper must not recklessly publish false reports concerning the above."

Thursday 22nd.

This morning, just before daybreak, while the *Nagoya Maru* was passing Urage, she came into collision with a fishing boat. Of a crew thirteen men in the boat one managed to get inside the paddle box of the steamer, where he remained until arrival in port, when he was taken out but little the worse for his unexpected trip. Captain Conner says he saw the boat passing astern after the accident, and thinks it likely the remainder of the men were not injured.

There is a rumour current in Tokio to the effect that the *Nevada* left Ko'ei with twelve hundred men on board, whom it was intended to land at Tsurumi in Bungo, as being the best point where troops could be disembarked and collected for the projected attack on the Satsuma insurgents, but that on her arrival it was found that the place was already in the possession of the Satsuma people who have also, it is said, occupied the island of Amakusa.

It is reported that the Imperial troops expected to attack the body of Satsuma on the 20th, so that news is anxiously looked for.

A steamer has been sent down to Kagoshima to bring away the foreigners resident there, and also those who were on board the *Mitsubishi* steamer *Taihei Maru* at Bungo, as being the best point where troops could be disembarked and collected for the projected attack on the Satsuma insurgents, but that on her arrival it was found that the place was already in the possession of the Satsuma people who have also, it is said, occupied the island of Amakusa.

Orders have been given to the Osaka Arsenal for one hundred field pieces and guns of position of various sorts for the Kumamoto garrison.

A telegram from Nagasaki on the 21st instant states that a battle was fought (the place not given) on that day, and that the imperial forces were victorious.

A report states that Kiriwa with his men

were marching towards Kumamoto, Shimabara towards Mogimura in Higo, and Murata towards Bungo.

A telegram announces that the *Taihei Maru*, which was stated to have been captured at Kagoshima, arrived safely at Kobe on the evening of the 26th instant.

An order has been given to capture all the vessels belonging to Satsuma whenever they attempt to leave harbour.

We hear that the *Okurasho* has already paid out a million yen for the expenses of the southern campaign.

NAGASAKI.

(Cosmopolitan Press, Feb. 21st.)

Sixty converts to Christianity have we heard been made recently; strange to say they were mostly females.—*Toka Shimbun*.

The *Kanagawa Maru* arrived on Saturday, with 400 soldiers, really fine martial looking fellows; we hear they are going to drill the Samurais of the South.

While a peasant was working in his field in the Island of Koyaki the other day, he was suddenly attacked by a large and savage male pig. Feeling unable to cope with this dangerous beast the agriculturalist fled, exclaiming as he went, What a bore! Beyond some damage to his clothing, the farmer escaped unharmed. His assailant is supposed to have swum over from the Goto Islands where wild pigs are plentiful.

"A company of infantry consisting of 163 men, were disbanded on Monday last from the *Hiroshima Maru*; they formed part of the garrison of Kokura and have been ordered here, as it was thought Nagasaki was insufficiently protected. The Kenrei, Kitashima Hidemoto landed at the same time, his return being earlier than was expected."

"We hear that the Imperial Telegraph is closed to Japanese and that more troops are expected in Nagasaki—this means something."

Yesterday afternoon Captain Gordon of the British ship *Coulnahyle* lodged a complaint in the Consulate against five of his seamen, who refused duty. When brought before Mr Wilkinson, the Acting Consul, the men said their reason for refusing to go to sea was the lamentable state of the fortifications in which they were forced to live.

The place was continually wet, being leaky all over. The ship was, besides, unsafe on account of the protracted condition of the main mast, which had hardly any support, two of the chain plates being broken and one cracked.

The Captain said he was pressed for time and was willing to have the repair in question seen to when the ship arrived in Kobe; at present he was ready for sea, and almost cleared. When the men were asked if they would return on board if these repairs were executed, some of them said they would not, whilst the others imagined there would be no peace on board after this affair. His Honor ordered a survey and all necessary improvement to be made in the forecastle and rigging, the men meanwhile to return to duty. Upon their still refusing to do so His Honour sent them to jail till the morning, when the surveyor will submit his report to the Court.

An order has been given for the *Kitora Maru*, belonging to the Kai-takushi, to leave Hakodate immediately for Shinagawa, where she is now lying.

The rebels of Satsuma have formed themselves into bodies, each numbering about two thousand men. One party has started for the province of Bungo, another to Miyazaki.

We hear that the *Yodo* has been sent to the *Shimabara* to assist the *Samurai* of that place, and now forms the nucleus of a transport fleet.

Thursday being Washington's Birthday, we learn that preparations are being made on an extended scale for the celebration of that great event. A salute will, we hear, be fired at precisely noon, which will give us an opportunity of correcting our time, and a bonfire on Russian Hill also contemplated. One of our well-known American Residents has agreed to raise the Stars and Stripes in honor of the birth of his illustrious countryman, and altogether the occasion will be one of rejoicing and festivity.

We have heard from a good authority that ten thousand of the Satsuma insurgents have reached Higo, and taken possession of the Hencho and other government offices there. Yet our informant states that there will be no fighting. *Nowe corrons*—they are pretty close and have a keen desire to interview foreigners.

NOTIFICATION.

"As the insurgents of Satsuma have forced

them way into the Kumamoto ken, unlawfully bearing arms against the Imperial authority, His Majesty the Mikado has ordered an expedition to be sent against them of which H. I. H. Arisugawa no Miya has been appointed Commander-in-Chief.

The above having been telegraphed from the Imperial Palace, Kyoto, is hereto made known.

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The Empress and the Empress Dowager

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Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,
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Hongkong, March 2, 1877. moh



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Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th March. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 16, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. moh

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Hongkong, March 8, 1877. apz

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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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